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The following Soviet military rail movements were observed on the Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63)-Brest-Litovsk (S 53/M 87) railroad line between 25 December 1949 and 12 January 1950:

1. Leaving Frankfurt/Oder on 3 January 1950 and arriving at Brest on 8 January 1950:

A train of about 50 cars, occupied by Soviet troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and officers wearing tank insignia, was observed between Warsaw and Poznan (P 53/X 26) on 5 January 1950.* No other military trains were observed by source.

2. Leaving Brest on 8 January 1950 and returning to Frankfurt/Oder on 13 January 1950:

Train carrying [REDACTED] 30 AT 25X1A guns with muzzle brake and an estimated caliber of 85 mm.** Escorting personnel said that the materiel had come from Moscow. In Frankfurt/Oder, the train was dispatched toward Cottbus (N 52/A 57) during the night of 13 January 1950. [REDACTED] did 25X1A not see any other military trains. There were normal stocks of coal at all stations through [REDACTED] train passed.

3. Leaving Frankfurt/Oder on 26 December 1949:

Train of 12 coaches and 16 boxcars, bound for Brest-Litovsk. The coaches were occupied by about 100 troops, including about 30 officers, and about 50 women without children.***

a. Black epaulets, some with lightning-bundle insignia, red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets were observed. Officers wore black-bordered

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silver epaulets. The women wore civilian clothes.

b. Two boxcars were loaded with boxes and furniture, four boxcars were sealed and 10 boxcars were empty but equipped with wooden benches.

4. Leaving Lrest and arriving at Frankfurt/Oder about 3 January 1950:

A train of 6 coaches, 4 boxcars, and 12 gondola cars, heading toward Lrest, was seen near Warsaw. Each gondola car carried a canvas-covered, long-barreled gun and a caterpillar tractor, or truck or passenger car. Four to six tractors, four to six trucks, and two passenger cars were seen on the train.

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Comment:

Presumably a shipment of recruits arriving behind schedule or of specialists. Most of the fall recruits (inducted during the summer of 1949) reached units in the Soviet Zone of Germany up to late November 1949.

Shipment of motor vehicles and guns enroute from the Soviet Union to the Soviet Zone of Germany.

Personnel going on furlough or to be discharged and dependents bound for the Soviet Union.

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